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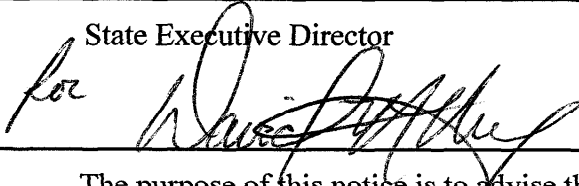
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**ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-79**

**For:** County Offices

**Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1697**

**Approved by:** State Executive Director

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**1 Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

Effective October 16, 2002, the following counties in Arkansas were designated as a primary natural disaster area due to losses caused by excessive rain, flooding, and hail that occurred on March 18, 2002, and continuing.

Arkansas	Greene	Mississippi	St. Francis
Clay	Independence	Monroe	Woodruff
Craighead	Jefferson	Poinsett	
Crittenden	Lawrence	Randolph	
Cross	Lee	Sebastian	

In accordance with section 321(a) of the CFRDA, the following counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Cleburne	Grant	Lonoke	Sharp
Cleveland	Izard	Phillips	Stone
Crawford	Jackson	Prairie	White
Desha	Lincoln	Pulaski	
Franklin	Logan	Scott	

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Disposal	Distribution
11/01/03	All County Offices

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### 2 Action

Emergency loan applications will be received through June 16, 2003, for physical and production losses and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under Direct Loan Making 3-FLP.

This determination is coded S1697.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is March 18, 2002.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

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### 3 Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035. Email: [tom.howard@ar.usda.gov](mailto:tom.howard@ar.usda.gov)

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### 4 Filing Instructions

File this notice preceding handbook 3-FLP.

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### Arkansas Counties Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., October 16, 2002 -- Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman has named the following counties in the State of Arkansas as eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans due to losses caused by excessive rain, flooding, and hail that occurred on March 18, 2002, and continuing.

Arkansas	Greene	Mississippi	St. Francis
Clay	Independence	Monroe	Woodruff
Craighead	Jefferson	Poinsett	
Crittenden	Lawrence	Randolph	
Cross	Lee	Sebastian	

Also eligible, because they are contiguous to the above primary counties are:

Cleburne	Grant	Lonoke	Sharp
Cleveland	Izard	Phillips	Stone
Crawford	Jackson	Prairie	White
Desha	Lincoln	Pulaski	
Franklin	Logan	Scott	

Farmers in the disaster area's have until June 16, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.